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Lime and Wheat.

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Cover Crop in Orchard.

"I have gleaned so much valuable information from your writings that I believe that the more closely I follow your teachings the better farmer I will be. I wish to ask in regard to the cover crop for my orchard. My land is so steep that I think it is best not to plow the tree rows, leaving four or five feet untouched. Do you think that sweet clover would be a good crop to put on between these terraces and the soil from washing? Also to sow in the spaces for winter cover. I begin in early spring harrowing and lay by in June, allowing a growth to prevent the heavy summer rains from washing the soil away about the trees. If the clover is well grown and bearing fruit, I would simply sow the whole land down to grass. Sow a mixture of twenty pounds of orchard grass and ten pounds of timothy. Then mow the grass several times during the summer and spread the cut grass and the trees as far as the limbs extend as a mulch. Keep up the fertility of the soil by annual top dressing of rawbone meal and potash, and you will have no trouble about washing. This does not mean that any field of grass or clover will grow in the orchard or a pasture, but to grow grass and keep it all on the land to make a mulch, retain moisture, and help maintain the fertility of the soil. I would leave the sweet clover out entirely, and yet wish to continue the cultivation longer, sow the tree strips in Alsike clover and Canada bluegrass.

A crowd of 300 people followed Dr. David R. Francis, former pastor of Third Christian Church, to the little building at 507 North Thirty-third Street, once a residence, now a house of worship, but which has in later times done more mental duty as an organ factory, and heard him preach last night on "The Trail of the Cross." The audience failed to gain entrance, and listened at the windows.

Those who came to hear a violent arraignment were disappointed. Dr. Francis spoke evenly and without the bitterness that marked his address of a few days ago.

Dr. Francis said that the reports that have gone abroad made it appear that the difficulty was between him and the interdenominational body of ministers, which has an organization in the city, and where it is likely to have six or seven preachers that make up the membership of the Ministerialia Union of the Christian Churches of Richmond and Vicinity. The reference was made to the fact that he is of his own denomination and to no other.

Dr. Francis will deliver a lecture at 8 o'clock on Friday night in the assembly room of the Chimborazo Schoolhouse on the subject, "Ben Hur and the Holy City." It will be illustrated with stereopticon slides.

Q. Do contestants enroll their names?
A. No, this is unnecessary.

Q. Is this a contest for bookworms—people having lots of book knowledge?
A. Emphatically no. Every one has an equal chance.

Q. Will it be satisfactory for me to write my answers on the typewriter?
A. You may use either pen, pencil or typewriter.

Q. May I use the same title for more than one picture?
A. You may apply the same title to as many of the different pictures as you desire.

Q. I have made one answer to some of the pictures that I now want to do away with. Is this permissible?
A. Yes. Just rub out the answers you wish to eliminate and paste a strip of white paper over them.

Q. In forwarding you my certificate for the free pictures I forgot to give you my name and address. Is this necessary?
A. Yes. In forwarding the Catalogue and Answer Book certificates to this office for any of the pictures, always be sure to write your name and address plainly and let same accompany the certificates. It is impossible for this department to be prompt in mailing the pictures to you, unless you furnish us with complete instructions.

Q. Suppose the Catalogue contains some typographical errors?
A. Do not worry about this. The Catalogue is our authority, and if you follow same you will make no mistake. Write the title and the author's name just as they appear in the Catalogue.

Q. How must the pictures be trimmed to paste nicely in the Answer Book?
A. The rules governing the manner in which the pictures should be trimmed and pasted in the Answer Book are not at all rigid. Bear in mind the following:

1. Try and apply the correct answers.
2. In arranging the pictures in the Answer Book, it is always advisable to be as neat as possible. When you have done this, don't worry.

The proper way, however, to trim the pictures to fit neatly in the Answer Book is around the black wavy lines, leaving at the top "The Times Dispatch Great Booklovers' Contest"—also the number of the picture and the date; leaving at the bottom, "What book does this picture represent?" and "Write title and name of author in form below"—meaning, of course, the lower pages of the Answer Book. With the aid of the Answer Book the printed form attached beneath each picture is unnecessary.

We refer you to the contest news appearing each day in the paper. If you will read same carefully you will keep well posted.

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